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SUBJ: LOS: SEABED COMTE MEETING, SUBCOMTE II WG,

AUGUST 16 AND 17

1. SC.II WG MET THREE TIMES OVER THURSDAY AND FRIDAY.

IN EACH CASE, WG IMMEDIATELY ADJOURNED TO HOLD IN-FORMAL CONSULTATIONS ON LIST ITEM 2.3.2 (BREADTH OF THE TERRITORIAL SEA). PURPOSE OF CONSULTATIONS WAS TO REDUCE NUMBER OF ALTERNATIVES UNDER THIS ITEM.

2. EFFORTS OF WG TO REDUCE ALTERNATIVES UNDER 2.3.2 WERE ALMOST ENTIRELY UNSUCCESSFUL. US, MEXICO, ARGENTINA AND BULGARIA WERE PARTICULARLY ACTIVE IN TRYING TO COMBINE ALTERNATIVES. SPAIN AND PERU EVOKED ONE PROCEDURAL ARGUMENT AFTER ANOTHER TO BLOCK REDUCTION ATTEMPTS. FOR EXAMPLE, SPAIN STRONGLY

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OBJECTED TO USE OF FOOTNOTE IN COMBINED ALTERNATIVE

WHICH MADE AGREEMENT ON 12-MILE TERRITORIAL SEA CONTINGENT ON AGREEMENT ON RELATED ISSUES. AS WG OPERATES ON CONSENSUS BASIS, THREE SESSIONS OF CONSULTATIONS RESULTED ONLY IN COMBINING MEXICAN AND BULGARIAN ALTERNATIVES, BOTH OF WHICH HAD INITIALLY PROVIDED FOR 12-MILE TERRITORIAL SEA. ALTERNATIVE SUPPORTED BY US WHICH CONDITIONED ACCEPTANCE OF 12-MILE TERRITORIAL SEA ON SATISFACTORY PROVISION REGARDING STRAITS USED FOR INTERNATIONAL NAVIGATION REMAINED INTACT.

3. AT LAST MEETING, WG DISCUSSED REPORT TO SC.QQ PREPARED BY CHAIRMAN KEDADI (TEXT POUCHED DEPT). NUMBER OF SUGGESTIONS FOR REVISION WERE MADE BUT IT ONLY BECAME EVIDENT AT END THAT CHAIRMAN HAD ALREADY SUBMITTED REPORT TO SC.II CHAIRMAN. CONSEQUENTLY, NONE OF WG REVISIONS WERE REFLECTED IN REPORT.BASSIN

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